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TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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TAGS: CASC CDES ET(ANTLES AND HAMMATT)

SUBJECT: DISPOSITION OF EFFECTS

REF: ADDIS 5391, STATE 137732

1. REGARDING PARA 5 ADDIS 5931, CONOFF HAS NO RPT NO STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO TAKE POSSESSION AND DISPOSE OF EFFECTS AS PROVISIONAL CONSERVATOR EXCEPT IN EVENT OF DEATH OF USC, AS PRESCRIBED IN 22 USC 1175. GIVEN CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS CASE, HOWEVER, IF IT APPEARS LIKELY TO EMBASSY THAT SUFFICIENT DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF DISAPPEARANCE AND PRESUMPTIVE DEATH (AS DESCRIBED IN STATE 137732) WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ISSUE FS-192'S, CONOFF SHOULD TAKE EFFECTS INTO CUSTODY AND PREPARE INVENTORIES ON PRIORITY BASIS, PROVIDED THIS PROCEDURE NOT CONTRARY TO LOCAL LAW.

2. CONSULAR INVENTORIES SHOULD BE PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE 7 FAM 445.4-1. IT SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, THREE INVENTORIES BE PREPARED, ONE FOR ITEMS READILY IDENTIFIABLE AS BELONGING TO ANTLES, A SECOND FOR HAMMATT, AND A THIRD FOR THE BALANCE OF THE EFFECTS. A COPY OF INVENTORY AND JOINT INVENTORY WOULD THEN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO RESPECTIVE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES WITH REQUEST THAT THEY REACH AGREEMENT AS UNCLASSIFIED

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TO DISPOSITION ITEMS ON JOINT LIST AND INFORM EMB IN WRITING THEIR DECISION.

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3. DEPT HAS INFORMED DR. LELAND COLE THAT HIS REQUEST THAT DETAILED DESCRIPTIVE INVENTORY BE PREPARED INCLUDING PLACE OF ORIGIN AND/OR PURCHASE, OF ALL ITEMS AS WELL AS CLOSE PERUSAL ALL WRITTEN MATERIAL IN SEARCH OF POSSIBLE NEW LEADS OR CLUES POSSIBLE ALTERNATE PLANS ANTLES AND HAMMATT PROBABLY CAN NOT BE MET BY EMBASSY. AS ALTERNATIVE DEPT SUGGESTED THAT WITH AUTHORIZATION OF WIVES OF ANTLES AND HAMMATT, EMBASSY COULD PERMIT ACCESS TO EFFECTS BY THEIR DESIGNATED AGENT. PRECONDITION WOULD BE NOTARIZED STATEMENT FROM THEM AUTHORIZING ACCESS.

4. FINAL DISPOSITION INVENTORIED ITEMS TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH 7 FAM 446.1 AND 446.2.

5. FOR POST INFO: DEPT. ALSO LEARNED FROM DR. COLE THAT SUITCASE BELONGING TO HAMMATT IN POSSESSION OF PHILLIP HANSEN, PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR AT RABAT. EMBASSY REQUESTED INFORM RABAT AND REQUEST RABAT'S ASSISTANCE IN COMPLIANCE 7 FAM 445.1-5 WHEN PRESUMPTIVE DEATH REPORT AVAILABLE. KISSINGER

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